

[22 August, 2000]

RAJYA SABHA

SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 1042 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st August, 2000 and state:

(b) the number of roads and total Kilometer of roads that has been taken by Government as national highways in Orissa state; and

(c) the total amount required to complete these roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) There are eleven number of National Highways in Orissa State with a total length of about 2863 Kms.

(b) To improve these roads to NH Standards, about Rs. 5500 Crores will be required.

FIPB approved road projects

3213. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects approved by FIPB for construction of roads in the years 1997—99;

(b) the details of such, projects in terms of Kilometers; and

(c) what is the status of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Constitutionally this Ministry is responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways only. No proposal has been approved by FIPB for construction project on any of the National Highways in the years 1997—99.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Road accidents in Metro Cities

3214. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(b) whether it is a fact that the road accidents have been on the rise particularly in the Metropolitan Cities;

(c) if so, the State wise figures of accidents during the last three years along with the figures for Metropolitan Cities; and

(c) what steps are being taken to prevent road accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) As per data available, a statement showing road accidents in Metropolitan cities during the years 1996 to 1998 is enclosed and the State-wise figures of road accidents is given in Statement II. (*see* below)

(c) Steps being taken to prevent road accidents are: (i) Widening of 2 lane sections to 4 lane sections (ii) Single lane to two lanes (iii) Providing raised shoulders (iv) Strengthening weak pavements (v) Reconstruction of weak and narrow bridges and culverts (vi) Replacement of level crossing by road over-bridges (vii) Provision of retro-reflective road signs (viii) Thermoplastic road markings (ix) Lay byes and (x) Wayside amenities on high traffic density corridors, etc.

Statement-I

Road Accidents in Metropolitan cities

	Major Cities	1996	1997	1998
1	Calcutta	9294	10260	10999
2	Delhi	11315	10957	10217
3.	Mumbai	29808	27421	26980
4.	Chennai	5458	5171	5121

Statement-II*Statewise figures of road accidents*

States/UTs	1996	1997	1998
Andhra Pradesh	21526	17109	27599
Arunachal Pradesh	230	239	206
Assam	1840	1906	2021
Bihar	8870	7253	7362
Goa	2804	2561	2633
Gujarat	30975	34336	35640
Haryana	6934	7189	N.A.
Himachal Pradesh	1899	1865	2342
Jammu and Kashmir	3615	3281	4238
Karnataka	30899	N.A.	N.A.
Kerala	35731	34661	32837
Madhya Pradesh	30861	N.A.	N.A.
Maharashtra	77572	75267	74429
Manipur	399	397	411
Meghalaya	360	382	407
Mizoram	76	65	80
Nagaland	132	87	99
Orissa	6393	6379	6808
Punjab	2998	3301	3442
Rajasthan	18879	19946	20798
Sikkim	168	130	97
Tamil Nadu	42197	44203	46723
Tripura	562	742	425
Uttar Pradesh	16475	16648	17631
West Bengal	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
A & N Islands	94	89	120
Chandigarh	382	397	348
D & N Haveli	69	74	83
Daman & Diu	24	30	64
Delhi	11315	10949	10217

States/UTs	1996	1997	1998
Lakshadweep	1	NIL	2
Pondicherry	833	929	990
TOTAL	355103	290415	298052

N.A. = Not Available

Misuse of Sirens in Delhi

3215. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the VIPs/Officers who are entitled to the use of sirens and/or red tights on their vehicles in Delhi;

(b) whether it is fact that unauthorised persons/VIPs have installed sirens and/or red lights on their vehicles in violation of the instructions/rules/judgements; and

(c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken against such installations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As per Rule 97 (2) (b) of Delhi Motor Vehicles, Rules, the general officer commanding of Delhi area and the Chief of the three services the Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India and the Chief Justice of High Court of Delhi are allowed to install a red light without flasher in the front and on top of the wind screen position of the vehicle.

As per Rule 97 (2) (c) of Delhi Motor Vehicle Rules, the official vehicle in attendance with the Cabinet Ministers of Govt, of India, Hon'ble L.G. of Delhi and Chief Minister of the State are permitted to use the blue fixed light on top and middle of the roof of the vehicle while plying on official duty. No VIP is allowed to use siren on their vehicles.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Provisions are made in Delhi Motor Vehicle Rules *vide* Rule 97 (3) for challaning, impounding and cancellations of registration of vehicles which contravene the restrictions regarding use of coloured